

Neartown Association Minutes

February 26, 2008

7:00pm

23 in attendance

- Kris Banks from Wanda Adams's office, District D, City Council
Kris wants to come to each 'hood's civic club meeting
- March 15 is SNAP deadline
- March 1, 10:30-1:00, HCC Airline Campus at Northline Mall, SNAP workshop
- Ada Edwards is now Dep. Chief of Staff to Mayor Bill White
- Neartown dues can be paid on our website
- 501C3 can back legislative items, but NOT political candidates
- We could have candidates' forums to get ALL candidates together and ask them to address our issues and concerns
- Avondale is planning to have former HPD chief "Brad" Bradford (Democrat), who's running for District Attorney, to a meeting with the Republican candidate, to such a forum, date and place to be announced, but in the summer.
- The Neartown Board met last Fri. with St. Rep Ellen Cohen. We "fleshed out" what she can or cannot do for us. Like, she can help get Mgmt Dist extended to Shepherd, but, disappointingly, at the last vote, Gov. Perry veto'ed it.
- Claude Wynn talked about the Montrose Conservatory
- want to put an esplanade into parts of Montrose Blvd that don't have one
- "a walkable Montrose" - curb-to-curb, including sidewalks
- lighting, crosswalks, ADA ramps, construction methods
- want to raise \$ to do a demo block in 400 Montrose
- April 3, 6:30pm, Annunciation Church, Town Hall Meeting on Montrose Conservancy
- 2nd Monday of the month, Board meeting, 12:noon, Tradition Bank
- CIP cannot be used for roads or sidewalks
- Discussion & presentation of worksheets from the Workshop on Richmond Rail
- There will be some property takings
- METRO wants to put in minimum 3' crummy sidewalks. City may get Fed \$ to augment and upgrade

those sidewalks into better, safer ones.

-Ed Gonzales: Neartown Little League 9:am Saturday, March 1, first opening game at Columbus & W. Dallas, Hilton Field.

-We are unique in that any kid can play. If they don't have \$, we'll provide the uniform.

-It's for fun, not skill. Boys & girls

-East Montrose's Peggy Shiffick Park is not listed on the City's Super Neighborhood Map. David Robinson is going to work on getting the park on the map.

-Officer Wayne Pate from the 802 Westheimer HPD storefront:

-thanks to tips, our cops gout 13 criminals out of 808 & 810 Frances St., a crack house

-a 22 yr old girl arrested on Feb 7, out and arrested again on Feb 21

-one guy arrested for burglary & auto burglary - has been arrested 17 times

-25 B&E (breaking & entering) in Jan

-we have to do our part to help HPD

-7 rookies coming to night shift

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Young

Secretary